

**AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS**

Claims 1-45 (Canceled)

46. (Currently amended) In an electronic mail system for transmitting an item, said item including a plurality of properties, a computer-implemented method for transmitting custom form data as part of said item, comprising:

obtaining said custom form data, said custom form data including at least one field for displaying field data stored in at least one of said plurality of properties and control data values for controlling the layout of the at least one field upon application of said control data values to a general form generation procedure of a recipient computer without requiring a custom form stored on said recipient computer prior to said application of said control data values;

storing said custom form data in one of said plurality of properties in response to obtaining said custom form data; and

transmitting said item to said recipient computer.

47. (Original) The method of Claim 46, further comprising the steps of:  
receiving said field data from said fields as input; and  
storing said field data in said at least one of said plurality of properties.

48. (Original) The method of Claim 46, wherein said step of obtaining said custom form data comprises the steps of:

displaying a form;

altering said form in response to input; and

creating said custom form data corresponding to said altered form.

49. (Currently amended) In an electronic mail system for receiving an item, a method for displaying an item comprising:

receiving said item, said item including a plurality of properties;

determining whether said item includes a form property ~~that includes custom form data;~~

in response to a determination that said message item includes said form property, retrieving ~~said custom~~ form data stored in said form property;

otherwise, retrieving form data from a form registry; and

displaying said item by generating a form with a general form generation procedure of said electronic mail system, said form being defined by said form data ~~or said custom form data~~ that includes at least one field and control data values controlling the layout of the at least one field through application of said control data values to the general form generation procedure.

50. (Canceled)

51. (Original) The method of claim 49, wherein said form registry comprises data stored on a memory storage device, said data corresponding to a description of at least one form.

52. (Original) The method of Claim 49, wherein said form property comprises data corresponding to a description of said form.

53. (Previously amended) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer program for transmitting custom form data as part of an item, said computer program comprising instructions which, when executed by a computer, perform:

adding a form property to said item;

obtaining said custom form data, said custom form data including at least one field for displaying field data stored in at least one of a plurality of properties and control data values for controlling the layout of the at least one field upon application of said control data values to a general form generation procedure of a recipient computer without requiring a custom form stored on said recipient computer prior to said application of said control data values;

storing said custom form data in said form property in response to obtaining said custom form data;

receiving said field data from said at least one field as input;  
storing said field data in said at least one of said plurality of properties; and  
transmitting said item to said recipient computer.

54. (Original) The computer-readable medium recited in Claim 53, wherein said step of obtaining said custom form data comprises the steps of:

displaying a form;  
altering said form in response to input ; and  
creating said custom form data corresponding to said altered form.

55. (Currently amended) A computer-readable medium on which is stored a computer program for displaying an item in the context of a form, said computer program comprising instruction which, when executed by a computer, perform:

receiving said item, said item including a plurality of properties;  
determining whether said item includes a form property that includes custom form data;

in response to a determination that said item includes said form property, retrieving said custom form data stored in said form property;

otherwise, retrieving form data from a form registry; and

displaying said item by generating a form with a general form generation procedure of said computer, said form being defined by said form data or said custom form data that includes at least one field and control data values for controlling the layout of the at least one field through application of said control data values to said general form generation procedure without having said form stored on said computer prior to said control data values controlling said layout.

56. (Canceled)

57. (Original) The computer-readable form of Claim 55, wherein said form registry comprises data stored on a memory storage device, said data corresponding to a description of at least one form.

58. (Original) The computer-readable medium of Claim 55, wherein said form property comprises data corresponding to a description of said form.

59. (Previously amended) In an improved item for transmission in an electronic mail system, said item including a plurality of properties, the improvement comprising:

a form property that is included within said plurality of properties, said form property storing form data that includes at least one field for displaying field data and control data values for controlling the layout of the at least one field; and

form data stored in a form property, said form data defining a custom form used to display said item including at least one field for displaying field data stored in at least one of said plurality of properties and control data values for controlling the layout of the at least one field upon application of said control data values to a general form generation procedure of a recipient computer without having said custom form stored on said recipient computer prior to said application of said control data values.

Claims 60-79 (Canceled)

80. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 55 wherein a compose page and a read page of said form are displayed the same.

81. (New) The computer-readable medium of claim 55 wherein a compose page and a read page of said form are displayed differently.